

# San Bernardino County



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### **SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE GOES LIVE WITH NEXT GENERATION OF ELECTRONIC RECORDING**

**San Bernardino, CA** — San Bernardino County Recorder Larry Walker announced today that his office has implemented the next generation of electronic recording by electronically accepting, recording, and returning property documents from First American Title, San Bernardino. This state-of-the-art electronic recording delivery system was designed and implemented by the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority (CeRTNA) of which San Bernardino County is a founding member. CeRTNA was the first such system approved by the California Attorney General's office under the requirements of the Electronic Recording Delivery Act (ERDA) of 2004, as authorized by the enactment of Assembly Bill 578. The San Bernardino County Recorder's office received formal approval from the state Attorney General's office to launch their system as part of the formal approval process required for each participating county.

Prior to implementing the new delivery system, San Bernardino County, as one of two counties authorized to electronically record documents on a pilot basis, implemented a proprietary system which allowed San Bernardino County and associated submitters to manage the increased volume experienced during the real estate boom of the early 2000s without significantly increasing workforce. This new system will allow authorized submitters within the Title, Banking, Mortgage Lending, and other associated industries a unified means to electronically submit land record documents to county recorders throughout the state of California, thereby minimizing the time and expense of developing a separate system in each county. The CeRTNA system allows for highly-secure, more accurate, and timely processing along with increased efficiency and flexibility in a proven solution. "The industry no longer needs a different system for each county where they record land record documents electronically," said De Ana Thompson, Acting Assistant Recorder. "Since this system is based on industry standards, submitters all over the state and country can record through a single portal connected to many California county recorders who can then take advantage of the many benefits provided by electronic recording to include reduced mailing and personnel costs."

"Electronic recording is a great advancement and cost-saver for everyone involved, especially due to the flexibility provided to the submitter to manage their workflow and thereby save costs," said Walker. "This has been a vision of mine to streamline policies and procedures, while safeguarding our constituents' records, and I am pleased with the outcome."

CeRTNA is a California Joint Powers Authority (JPA) organization made up of County Recorders throughout the state, and was chaired by San Bernardino County Recorder Larry Walker from 2007 through December, 2010. This JPA was created to jointly develop, implement, and maintain a secure system for the electronic recording of documents. In addition to San Bernardino, current member counties include El Dorado, Fresno, Kern, Merced, Monterey, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz.

For more information, please refer to the San Bernardino County Recorder's website at [www.sbcounty.gov/acr](http://www.sbcounty.gov/acr).

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